



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board

Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the subcommittees of the Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Research Career Scientists	February 20, 2014	*VA Central Office
Aging & Neurodegenerative Disease	February 25, 2014	VHA National Conference Center
Psychological Health & Social Reintegration	February 25, 2014	VHA National Conference Center
Regenerative Medicine	February 25, 2014	VHA National Conference Center
Brain Injury: TBI & Stroke	February 25-26, 2014	VHA National Conference Center
Sensory Systems/Communication Disorders	February 26, 2014	VHA National Conference Center
Rehabilitation Engineering & Prosthetics/Orthotics	February 27, 2014	VHA National Conference Center
VA-ORD Historically Black College and University Research Scientist Training Program	February 27, 2014	*VA Central Office
Career Development Award Program	February 27-28, 2014	VHA National Conference Center
Musculoskeletal/Orthopedic Rehabilitation	February 27-28, 2014	VHA National Conference Center
Spinal Cord Injury	March 3, 2014	*VA Central Office

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

(*Teleconference). VA Central Office, 131 M Street NE, Washington, DC 20002.

VHA National Conference Center, 2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications and advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. Because some of the meetings will be in a Government building, anyone attending must be prepared to show a valid photo ID for checking in. Please allow 15 minutes before the meeting begins for this process. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research applications and critiques. During the closed portion of each subcommittee meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy), as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would likely compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of the meetings. Those who plan to attend the open portion of a subcommittee meeting should contact Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, at Department of Veterans Affairs (10P9R), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, or e-mail tiffany.asqueri@va.gov at least 5 days before the meeting. For further information, please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443-5757.

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